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The two Crowns of *FRANCE*
and *SPAIN*, Concluded at *Arx-la-*
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First, It is Covenanted, and Agreed, that for the Future, there shall be a true, firm, and inviolable Peace, Confederacy, and perpetual Alliance and Amity, between the most Christian and Catholick Kings, their Children born, or to be

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be born hereafter, their Heirs, Successors, and Inheritors, their Kingdoms, States, Countreys and Subjects; and that they shall mutually love one another, as kind Brethren, that the one shall promote with all his ability the Good, Honour, and Reputation of the other, really avoiding according to their Power, the prejudice of one another.

II.

In pursuance of this good Re-union, as soon as the ratification of the present Treaty shall be exchanged, the Peace between the said Kings shall be published, and from the time of the said publication, there shall be a Cessation of Arms, and all acts of Hostility, as well by Land as by Sea and fresh Waters, and generally in all places, where their Majesties Forces wage War, as well among their Companies and Armies in the Field, as in the Garrisons: and if the said Cessation be opposed by the taking of any place, or places, be it by assault surprize, or private Intelligence; and

and in like manner, if there be any prisoners taken, or other acts of Hostility committed by any accident not foreseen, or of those that cannot prevent it contrary to the said Cessation of Arms, the departing from the Agreement shall be really repaired on either side, without delay or difficulty, restoring without the least diminution, that which they possessed, and setting the Prisoners at Liberty without any Ransom or Charge.

III.

In consideration of this Peace, the most Christian King shall keep, remain seized with, and effectually enjoy all Places, Forts, and Posts that he hath gained, obtained, or fortified by Armes during the last years Campagne: That is to say, the Fortress of *Charleroy*, the Towns of *Binch* and *Attbe*, the Places of *Doway*, the Fort of *Scarpe* being comprised, *Turney*, *Oudenard*, *Lille*, *Armentieres*, *Courtray*, *Bergues* and *Furnes*, and all their Bailiwicks, Castlewicks, Territories, Governments, Provost-ships,

ships, Appurtenancies, Dependancies and Annexations, by what name soever they be called, as far as ever they extend.

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The said Places, Towns, and Places of Charle-

roy, Binch, Attbe, Doway, Fort of Searpe, Turney, Oudenard, Lille, Armentieres, Courtray, Bergues and Furnes, their Balliwicks, Castlewicks, Governments, Provostships, Territories, Domains, Seignories, Appurtenancies, Dependancies and Annexations, by what name soever they may be called, shall appertain by Virtue of this present Treaty of Peace, to the said Lord the Most Christian King and his successors, having right thereunto, irrevocably and for ever, with the same rights of Sovereignty, Propriety, Royalty, Patronage, Gardianship, Jurisdiction, Nomination, Prerogatives and Preheminencies, over the Bishopricks, Cathedrals and other Churches, Abbies, Priors, Dignities, Cures, and all other Benefices whatsoever, being within the extent

extent of the said Country, Places, and Bailiwicks granted, of what Abby soever the said Priorities hold Land, and have dependance upon, and all other Rights that have heretofore appertained to the Catholick King, though they be not here particularly recited, without any future trouble to his most Christian Majesty, by what pretence soever, of right, nor disturbed indeed by the said Catholick King his Successors, or any Prince of his House, or by any Person whatsoever, or upon any pretence or occasion that may happen in the said Sovereignty, Propriety Jurisdiction, Authority, Possession and Enjoyment of all the said Countries, Towns, Places, Castles, Lands, Seignories, Provostships, Domains, Castlewicks, and Bailiwicks, together with all the Places and other things thereunto appertaining. And to this purpose the said Catholick King, as well for himself, his Heirs and Successors, having right thereunto, renounceth, quitteth, granteth and conveyeth, as his Plenipotentiary in his name by the present irrevocable Treaty of Peace, hath renounced, quitted, granted, and conveyed

veyed, perpetually, and for ever in favour, and for the advantage of the said most Christian King, his Heirs, Successors, and such as are concerned, all the Rights, Actions, Pretences, Royalty, Patronage, Guardianship, Jurisdiction, Nomination, Prerogatives and Preheminencies over the Bishopricks, Cathedral Churches, and other Abbies, Priories, Dignities, Cures, and other Benefices whatsoever, being within the limits of the said Countries, Places, and Bailiwicks granted, of what Abbies soever the said Priories hold Lands, and have dependance upon, and in General, without retaining or reserving any thing to himself; all other Rights, that the said Catholick King, or his Heirs, and Successors, have, pretend, or can have, and pretend unto, upon what ground or reason soever, over the said Countries, Places, Castles, Forts, Lands, Seignories, Domains, Castlewicks and Bailiwicks, and over all Places depending thereupon, as is before mentioned, all the Laws, Customes, Statutes and Constitutions to the contrary notwithstanding; or those confirmed by oath, in which, and in the
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abrogatory Clauses of Abrogation, it is expressly abolished by this present Treaty for the confirmation of the said Renunciations, and Concessions, which shall stand in Force, and take place, insomuch that the particular expression or specification shall not Disannul the General, nor the General, the Particular; Perpetually excluding all exceptions, upon what Right, Title, Cause, or Pretence soever they can be grounded. The said Catholick King Declares, Consents, Wills, and Intends, that all Men, Vassals, and Subjects of the said Countries, Towns, and Lands, granted to the Crown of France, as before mentioned, be, and remain quit, and discharg'd for the present, and for ever, of their Faith, Homage, Service, and Oath of Fidelity, which all and every of them might have made to him, and the Catholick Kings his Predecessors; together with all Obedience, Subjection, and Vassalage, that by reason thereof might be due unto him, from them; the said Catholick King requiring, that the said Faith, Homage, and Oath of Fidelity, be made Null and

Voyd, as if they had never been made or given.

The said most Christian King immediately after the Publication of the Peace, shall withdraw his Forces from the Garrisons of all Places, Towns, Castles, and Forts of the County of *Burgundy*, commonly called *la Franche-Comté*, and shall really, effectually, and *bonâ fide* restore to his Catholick Majesty, all the said County of *Burgundy*, without any retention, or reservation.

The said most Christian King shall make restitution of all the Places, Forts, Castles, and Posts, that his Forces have, or might have enjoyed, unto the day of the Publication of the Peace, in what place soever Scituated to the Catholick King, those Places, and Forts which ought to remain by this present Treaty,

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with his most Christian Majesty, as hath been above specified, excepted. And in like manner His Catholick Majesty shall make restitution of all the Places, Ports, Castles, and Ports, which his Forces could have been possessed of, to the day of the publication of this Peace, in what Place soever they be, to his Most Christian Majesty.

VII.

Their Majesties agree, that all Kings, Potentates and Princes, that will freely enter into the like Obligation, would give their Majesties their Promises and Engagements of Warranty, as to all the contents of this present Treaty,

VIII.

It hath been consented to, agreed, and declar'd, that hereby there is to be no revocation of the Treaty of the *Pyreneans* (with a reservation as to the *Portugal*, with whom the

said Catholick King hath since made a Peace,) only so far as it hath been otherwayes disposed of in this Treaty, by the concession of the abovesaid Places; so that the parties can acquire no new right, nor receive any prejudice upon their respective pretences in any thing, whereof there is no express mention made in this present Treaty.

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And for the further Confirmation of this Treaty of Peace, and of all the Clauses and Articles herein contained, the said present Treaty shall be published, ratified and registred in the Court of the Parliament of *Paris*, and in all other Parliaments of the Kingdom of *France*, and Court of Accompts of the said City of *Paris*; Iso in like manner the said Treaty shall be ratified, published and registred, as well in the Great Council and other Councils and Court of Accompts of the said most Catholick King in the Low-Countryes, as in the other Councils of the

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Crowns of Arragon and Castile. The whole affair being managed according to the form of the Treaty of the *Pyreneans* in the year 1659. the expedition whereof shall be mutually given by each other, within three Months after the Publication of this present Treaty.

Which Clauses and Articles above named, together with the contents of every one of them, have been Treated of, agreed upon, passed and Covenanted between the abovesaid Plenipotentiaries of the said most Christian and Catholick Kings, in the name of their Majesties, which said Plenipotentiaries by Virtue of their Power, (the Copies whereof shall be annexed unto this present Treaty) have promised, and do promise upon the Obligation of all and every the Goods, and Estates, present, and for the future, of the Kings their Masters; that they shall be inviolably kept and performed by their Majesties, and to cause them to be ratified, firmly and simply without any addition; and to compleat the ratifications by authentick Letters, Sealed, where all the present Articles shall be inserted *Verbatim*, on the last

last day of *May* next ensuing inclusively. First, his most Christian Majesty at *Brussels*, in the hands of the Governour of *Flanders*, and his Catholick Majesty at *Saint Germain's en Laye*, in the hands of the said most Christian King, and sooner, if possibly. Furthermore the said Plenipotentiaries have promised, and do promise, in the said names, that the said Letters of ratification being perfected, the said most Christian King, as soon as can be, and in the presence of such person or persons, as the said Catholick King will please to Delegate, shall solemnly Swear upon the Crois, the Holy Evangelists, the Canons of the Mass, and upon his Honour, fully, really, and *bonâ fide* to observe and accomplish all the Contents of the Articles in this present Treaty, and the same shall be also performed, as soon as it can possibly, by the said Catholick King and the Queen Regent his Mother, in the presence of such person or persons, as it shall please the said most Christian King to depute. In witness whereof, the said Plenipotentiaries have subscribed

ed the present Treaty with their names, and caused the Seal of their Arms to be set thereunto. Dated in the Imperial City of *Aix-la-Chappelle*, the 28 day of *May*, 1668.

And in the name of his Holiness, and the said Electors and Princes of the Sacred Empire, they have also subscribed these present Articles, with their names, and caused the Seal of their Arms to be affixed thereunto, Signed *Augustine Franciotti*, Arch-Bishop of *Trebisond*, Plenipotentiary to his Holiness. The Baron of *Schenborn* in the name of his Electoral Highness of *Mayence*. *Francis Egon* of *Furstenberg*, in the name of his Electoral Highness of *Colen*; and the Chevalier *Semising* in the name of his Highness of *Munster*.

We therefore allowing of the forementioned Treaty, in all and every the Particulars and Articles therein contained, and Declared, have accepted, approved, ratified and confirmed, do accept, approve, ratifie and confirm the same, as well for our selves, as for our Heirs, Successors, Kingdoms, Countries,

tries, Lands, Seignories, and Subjects, promising the performance of the contents hereof, upon the Faith and Word of a King, and upon the Obligation and Engagement of all and every our Estates for the present and the future, to keep and observe them inviolably, without doing any thing Directly or Indirectly, in any manner or kind whatsoever to the contrary. In Witness whereof, We have Signed these Presents with our Hands, and have caused our Seal to be set thereunto. Given at St. Germain's en Laye the 26th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1668, and of our Reign the 26th Signed *Louis* and underneath

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